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Application No. 10/526,669) Group Art Unit: 1745
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Filed: October 26, 2005) Examiner: Mark Ruthkosky
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For: CARBON FINE POWDER COATED WITH) **Mail Stop Amendment**
) METAL OXIDE, METAL NITRIDE OR METAL)
) CARBIDE, PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE)
) SAME, AND SUPERCAPACITOR AND)
) SECONDARY BATTERY USING THE CARBON)
) FINE POWDER)

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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application. Accordingly, Applicants do not believe that a fee is due for filing this paper.

The listed documents were cited in an Office Actions issued by the Japanese Patent Office in a corresponding Japanese patent application on December 2, 2005, and July 3, 2007. Copies of the Japanese Office Actions and the non-US listed documents are enclosed for the Examiner's consideration. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

The following documents are in a language other than English:

(a) WO 02/21617: The relevance of this document can be understood from the Japanese Office Action dated December 2, 2005, the English language abstract therein, the figures therein, and US counterpart 2002/0172869.

(b) JP 2000-124082: The relevance of this document can be understood from the Japanese Office Action dated December 2, 2005, the English language abstract therein, and the figures therein.

(c) JP 11-312630: The relevance of this document can be understood from the Japanese Office Action dated December 2, 2005, the English language abstract therein, the figures therein, and US counterpart 6,455,108.

(d) JP 2002-158140: The relevance of this document can be understood from the Japanese Office Action dated December 2, 2005, the English language abstract therein, and the figures therein.

(e) JP 2002-217071: The relevance of this document can be understood from the Japanese Office Action dated July 3, 2007, the International Search Report in the PCT international stage of this application, the English language abstract therein, and the figures therein.

(f) JP 2001-93512: The relevance of this document can be understood from the Japanese Office Action dated July 3, 2007, the International Search Report in the PCT international stage of this application, the English language abstract therein, and the figures therein, and US counterpart 6,339,528 (which is already of record).

(e) JP 6-503924: The relevance of this document can be understood from the Japanese Office Action dated July 3, 2007, the English language abstract therein, and the figures therein, and US counterpart 5,079,674.

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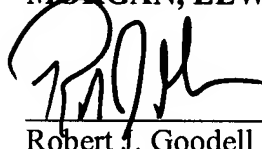
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Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. §1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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